

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The electrode pad assembly of claim [11] 26 wherein the electrode pad assembly further comprises a conductive gel at the skin contacting area of [associated with] each electrode.

13. (Currently Amended) The electrode pad assembly of claim [11] 12 wherein the adhesive area of each electrode comprises a [each adhesive is] non-conductive adhesive.

14. (Currently Amended) The electrode pad assembly of claim [12] 13 wherein [said] the adhesive area surrounds [said] the gel.

15-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) The electrode pad assembly [defibrillator] of claim [16] 26 further comprising an external defibrillator, and wherein the defibrillator comprises an automatic, semi-automatic or manual external defibrillator.

18-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The electrode pad assembly [defibrillator] of claim [16] 26 wherein the release sheets [is] are configured so that, as the release sheets [is] are peeled away, a

fold about which the release sheet is folded travels in the direction in which the [second portion] release sheet is pulled.

22-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Newly presented) A skin-applied electrode pad assembly for external defibrillation, the electrode pad assembly comprising

a pair of electrodes,

each of the electrodes sized and configured for external defibrillation, and

each of the electrode having a skin-contacting area of at least 50 centimeters

squared;

a non-electrode area positioned between the two electrodes and mechanically connected to the two electrodes;

text or other indicia on the electrode pad assembly for helping the user position the electrodes in a desired position on the chest of a patient;

an electrical cable extending from the electrode pad assembly for connecting the electrodes to a defibrillator;

an adhesive area at each electrode, the adhesive area configured to adhere an electrode to the skin of the patient,

the adhesive area at each electrode being separated from the adhesive area at the other electrode by an area without adhesive

at least one release sheet covering each adhesive area,

each release sheet being folded in a substantially U-shaped configuration,

each release sheet having a tab sized and configured to be grasped by one hand of the user while the electrode pad assembly is positioned on the chest of the patient, and

each release sheet being configured to be removed by the user pulling on the tab in a direction generally away from the non-electrode area, thereby causing the release sheet to peel away from the adhesive area,

wherein the electrode pad assembly is configured to be applied to the patient by user actions including

positioning the electrodes in the in the desired position on the chest,

holding the assembly in the desired position by applying pressure with one hand generally in the non-electrode area,

pulling on the tab of one of the release sheets with the other hand, and

repeating the process of holding the assembly in the desired position with one hand and pulling on a tab with the other hand to remove another release sheet from the other electrode.